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SUBJECT: POWER PLANT TRAINING FOR JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE

1. CHIEF OF STAFF, JMAIACA DEFENCE FORCE (JDF) HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR TO ARRANGE CIVILIAN TRAINING IN THE U.S. ON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 70 MEGAWATT, OIL-FIRED, STEAM-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING UNITS FOR TWO OR THREE SENIOR NCO'S OF THE FORCE. PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE THE JDF TO TAKE OVER OPERATION OF JAMAICA'S POWER PLANTS IN THE EVENT OF A TOTAL WALK OUT OF CIVILIAN STAFF. TRAINING WOULD BE ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS, WITH GOJ MAKING DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE FIRM FURNISHING THE TRAINING. THE COUNTRY TEAM SUPPORTS ACTION ON THE CHIEF OF STAFF'S REQUEST

2. THE JDF IS CHARGED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN SUCH CONTINGENCIES. MOST RECENTLY, THE FORCE TOOK OVER ALL FIRE-FIGHTING DUTIES AT BOTH MAJOR AIRPORTS WHEN ALL REGULAR FIREMEN REPORTED SICK. STRIKES BY WORKERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY (ELECTRICITY) HAVE ALSO OCCURRED IN RECENT MONTHS. FOR A SUMMARY OF JAMAICA'S POWER PROBLEMS, SEE EMBASS'S A 113 DATED JUNE 6, 1973.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED OF DEPARTMENT: THE MOST COMMON

LARGE GENERATING UNITS IN USE IN JAMAICA WERE  
MANUFACTURED AND INSTALLED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC  
(THREE 70 MEGAWATT UNITS). REQUEST CONTACT WITH  
APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF GENERAL ELECTRIC TO ASCERTAIN  
IF THEY ARE CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING SUCH TRAINING,  
ARE WILLING TO DO SO, THE COST THEREOF, AND DATES  
WHEN TRAINING COULD BE GIVEN

4. CHIEF OF STAFF, JDF, HAS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY  
TREAT THIS A A "PRIORITY" ITEM. TELEGRAPHIC  
REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. GERARD

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